



The Little Office of the Immaculate Conception



MATINS and LAUDS

V. Come, my lips + and wide proclaim,
R. The Blessed Virgin's spotless fame.
V. O Lady + make speed to befriend me;
R. From the hands of the foe defend me.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever, unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Alleluia) From Septuagesima to Easter, Alleluia is replaced by: Praised be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

HYMN

Hail, Queen of the Heavens! hail, Mistress of earth! Hail, Virgin most pure of Immaculate Birth. Clear Star of the morning, in beauty enshrined, O Lady, make speed to the help of mankind. Thee God in the depth of eternity chose, And formed thee all fair as His glorious spouse. And called thee His Word's own Mother to be,
By Whom He created the earth, sky and sea. Amen.
V. God selected and prepared her;
R. He made her to dwell in His own home.
V. O Lady, hear my prayer,
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

PRIME

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HYMN

Hail, Virgin most wise, hail, Deity's shrine,
With seven fair pillars, and table Divine.

Preserved from the guilt which hath come on us all; Exempt in the womb from the taint of the Fall. O new Star of Jacob, of Angels the Queen, O Gate of the saints, O Mother of men, O Terrible as the embattled array,

TERCE

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Hail, Solomon's throne, pure Ark of the law,
Fair Rainbow and Bush which the patriarch saw. Hail, Gideon's Fleece, Hail, Blossoming Rod; Samson's Sweet Honeycomb, Portal of God. Well fitting it was that a Son so Divine Should preserve from all touch of original sin;

SEXT

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HYMN

Hail, Virginal Mother, hail, Purity's Cell; Fair shrine where the Trinity loveth to dwell. Hail, Garden of Pleasure, Celestial Balm, Cedar of Chastity, martyrdom's palm. Thou Land set apart from **USES** profane,
And free from the curse which in Adam began.

NONE

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Hail, City of Refuge, hail, David's High Tower,
With battlements crowned and girded with power. Filled at thy Conception with love and with light,
The dragon by thee was shorn of his might. O Woman most valiant, O Judith thrice blest, As David was nursed in fair Abisag's breast; As the Saviour of Egypt upon Rachel's knee, So the world's great Redeemer was cherished by thee

VESPERS

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Hail, dial of Achanz, on thee the true Sun
Told backward the course which from old He had run. And that man might be raised, submitting to shame, A little more low than the Angels became. Thou wrapt in the blaze of His Infinite Light, Doth shine as the morn on the confines of night. As the moon on the lost through obscurity dawns, The serpent's destroyer, a lily amid thorns. Amen.

COMPLINE

V. May Jesus Christ thy Son, placated by thy prayers, O Lady, change our hearts.
R. And turn away His anger from us.

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Hail, Mother most pure, Hail Virgin renowned,
Hail, Queen with the stars as a diadem crowned.

Above all the Angels in glory untold. Standing

Let us Pray: O Holy Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the whole world, who forsakest and despisest no one, look upon me, O Lady with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins, that, as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception so, hererafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him Whom thou, in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, in perfect Trinity, God world without end. Amen.

V. O Lady, hear my prayer;
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless the Lord. (*Benedicamus Domino.*)
R. Thanks be to God. (*Deo Gratias.*)
V. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRAYERS TO PRAETORIANS
AND ADJUTORIANS....